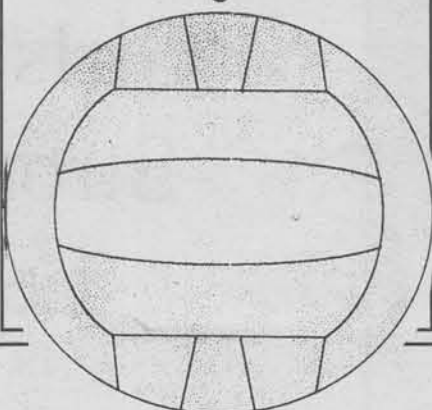


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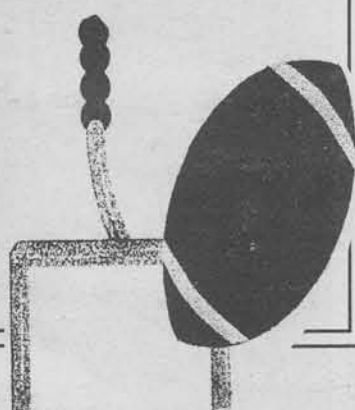
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Girls Soccer Headed for State Title

By Debbie Brown

Despite strong potential shown in the preseason, Glastonbury Girls Soccer started with a 4-2 loss to South Windsor. They led 2-1 at half time, after catching the South Windsor defense off guard with a quick restart from Senior Tri-Captain Kristen Penney to Junior Stephanie Fish, who sent Junior Erin O'Grady on a breakaway for the first goal. Fish then redirected a corner kick from Penney, scoring the second goal. After South Windsor's All-State midfielder Katie Murphy scored their first goal, Penney made sure she didn't get any more chances. Great individual efforts couldn't keep the team together as GHS began to fall apart in the second half. Glastonbury Coach Bob Landers pointed out that the defense and offense weren't able to connect. This led to three more South Windsor goals and the ensuing loss.

After losing the first game, the girls' soccer team decided they had to be more of a team on and off the field, and to play hard for each other. They did just that and came out with a 2-1 win over Hall, one of their biggest rivals. After being knocked out of last year's tournament by Hall and being subsequently humiliated in the Hartford Courant, they wanted revenge. Hall felt the pressure, as the Tomahawks completely dominated the first twenty minutes of the game. To open the scoring, Fish trapped

and shot far past a corner kick from Penney. Then, for the second goal, Fish found O'Grady screaming for the ball when she beat the defense to the box. O'Grady finished with a hard shot to the far post, Glastonbury found themselves comfortable with a 2-0 lead and paced them-

shots by 20-2, and corner kicks by 14-1. Once again, Glastonbury worked together to keep Simsbury in their own half. The defense worked tirelessly, and the entire team effort paid off when Meredith Barnes dropped a shot in over the goalie's head in the last seven

prise when Wethersfield quickly scored the first goal. GHS soon woke up and began to play their game. Senior Nicky Heilman moved from defense to midfield and notched two goals. The first was on a long shot from outside the penalty box, and her second was assisted by a header

rally. Many fans cheered Glastonbury on as they defeated Hall once again. Stephanie Fish dribbled through several players and made a wall pass with Sarah Sargent. Fish placed the ball near the post to give us a 1-0 lead. The second Glastonbury goal came when Heilman

crossed the ball from the goalline to Flanigan, who was there to one-time it into the back of the net. O'Grady and Fish were excited because "there was a lot of talk that the first game was a fluke." GHS had showed Hall that the Tomahawks had deserved both victories.

On homecoming day, minds were obviously not focused on the game when GHS ended the first half 0-0 against



Glastonbury beats its opponents with speed

selves for the rest of the game. Penney allowed All-New England Melissa Roth little room, but one perfect shot by her barely slid past a quick dive by Sophomore goalie Liz Middleton.

The next big game was against GHS's other rival, the ever-reigning Simsbury Trojans. The crowd turnout was large, encouraging a great effort. GHS outnumbered their

minutes. "The support was incredible," remarked Junior Kate Robinson, "I don't think we could have done it without them." The only negative outcome of this game was O'Grady, known for her nonstop effort, was taken down and seriously injured her knee.

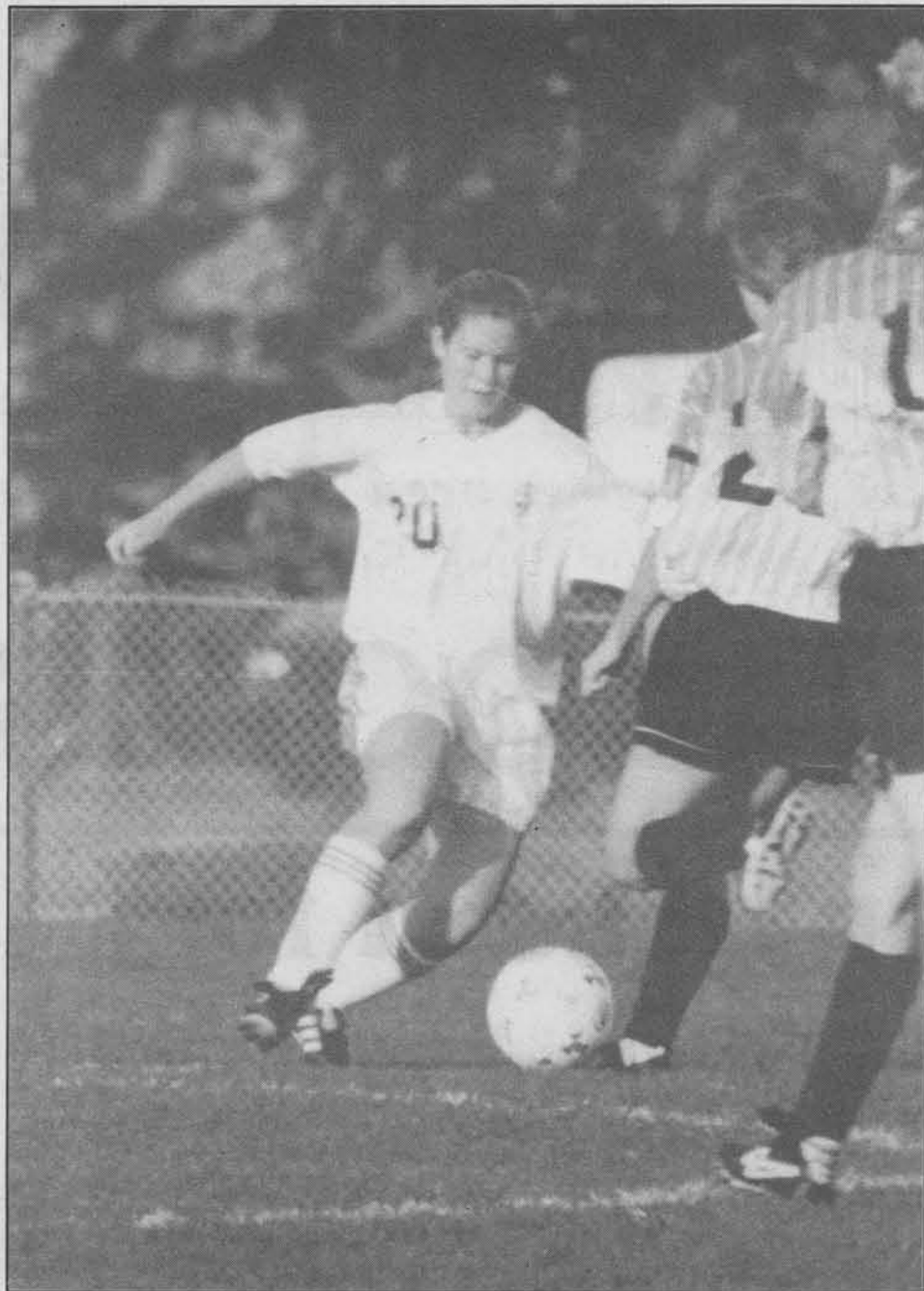
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Conard. However, they began to piece it together when Fish volleyed in a cross for the first goal. Soon thereafter, right full-back Chrissy Barnett dribbled up the sideline and blasted a shot into the upper far corner of the net. Penney finished the scoring with a hard left-footed shot that no goalie could stop. Goalie Liz Middleton has been

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Kim Thibideau controls the Glastonbury attack



Sarah Sargent sends a deep pass

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sacrificing her body to make key saves for Glastonbury all season. During the game, Middleton dove for a cross that slipped out of her hands. When she dove again, she received a kick in the face, resulting in a possible fracture. Despite the blow, she finished the half and they ended the game with a 3-0 victory.

"REVENGE! G-BURY, 8-1, NOWHERE TO RUN!" read Simsbury's front kickboard as Glastonbury pulled into the parking lot. It was obvious that Simsbury had a score to settle with the Tomahawks. Glastonbury came out strong, but Simsbury managed to slip a cross past Middleton to put them on the scoreboard first. Barnes came through for Glastonbury soon enough, when she headed in Penney's corner kick. Sargent and Fish worked hard to create

plays throughout the game, as well as Penney who fired a shot from 20 yards out to put Glastonbury in the lead. Heilman played outstanding defense and offense, which paid off when she hustled to score the third goal. Simsbury retaliated with a quick goal, answered by O'Grady when she placed a shot into the lower left corner after beating her defenders. Senior defenders Crissy Barnett and Rachel Balloch deserved credit for blocking two possible Simsbury goals on the goaline, and sweeper Megan Roscio controlled the backfield well with composure. With a final score of 4-2, Glastonbury defeated Simsbury once again.

When asked about her thoughts on the season so far, Tri-Captain Penney stated, "We're playing very well, but it's up to us if we want to go all the way. Of any year, this is the year with the most talent."

Girls Soccer has Strong Captain Leadership

By James Choi

Senior captains Lori Finer, Kristin Penney, and Nicky Heilman have the heavy responsibility in leading the state's number one girls soccer team.

Penney's past experience as captain for the basketball team and Finer for golf has been helpful as they led to Glastonbury's first defeat over Simsbury in four years. "This team is very spirited and very strong," says Finer.

"They are true captains," says the coach Robert Landers, "and they do a nice job keeping the team together."

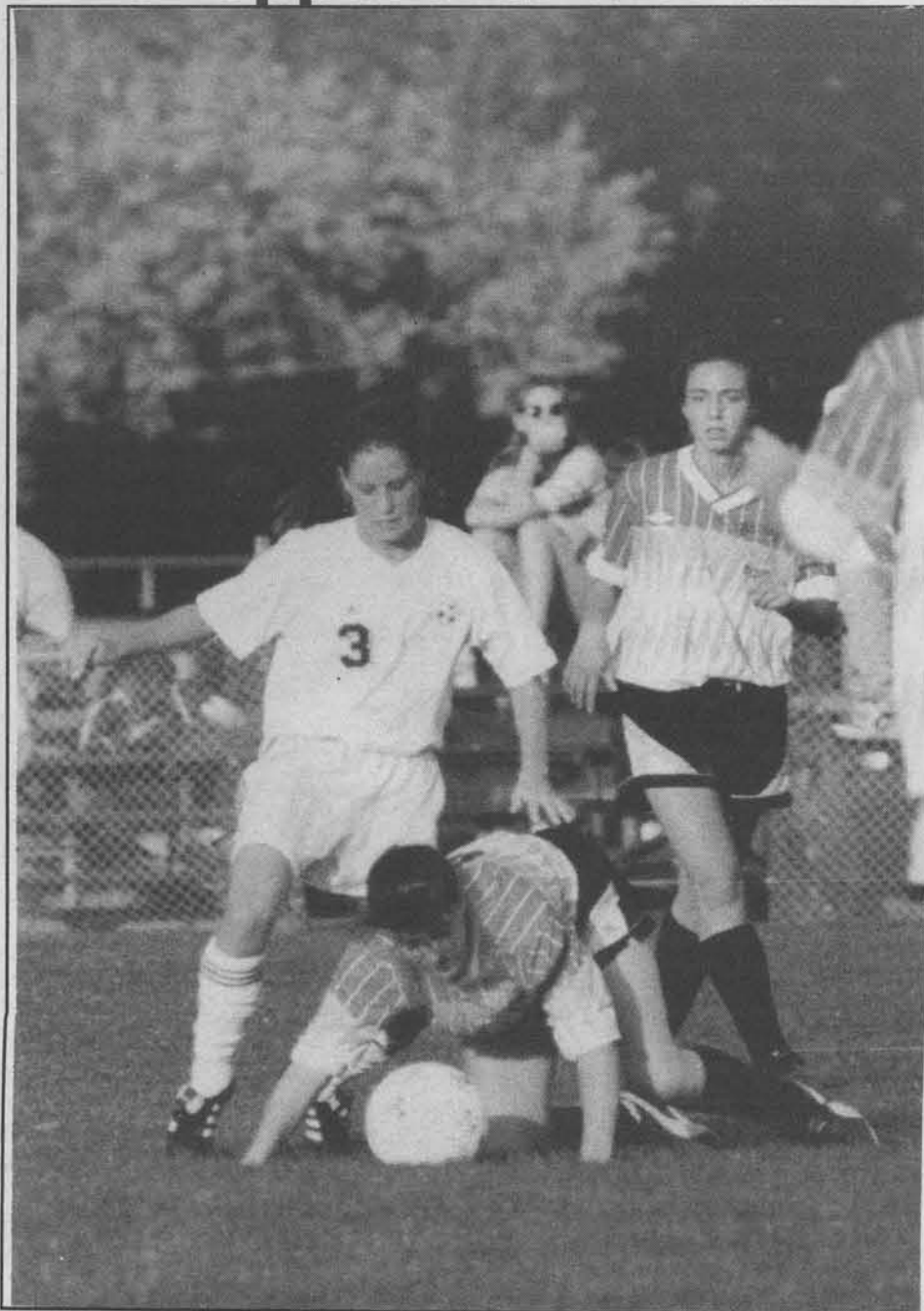
Talent has also been a factor for the team and the captains as Penney and Heilman have been CCC West All-Conference players. Says Penney "The

whole team has high hopes and we realize the potential of this team."

This year's girls soccer team lost only two players and have the leadership of three captains with four years experience of high school soccer. "They work hard," says Landers, "and they are dedicated."

Last year's team went 12-2-3 and finished second in the CCC West after coming away with a tie against powerhouse Simsbury. This year, the team has started the season as No. 1 team in the state and shutout Simsbury. So, how far should we expect them to go? "Our goal is to go all the way," replies Finer.

Ashley Flanigan dominates her opponents with skill



Boys' Soccer Back to Championship Form

By Jen McQuilken

Max Zeiky has been a team leader for Boys' Soccer

Glastonbury Boy's Soccer started off strong this season after losing in the state quarter finals last year. After having their highest ranking in years of 12th in the nation and 1st in the state. They have since fallen to 8th in the state as of October 10, 1995 after losing one game and tying two.

After tying Hall on Tuesday, October 10 Glastonbury has come back strong with a three game winning streak. It all began Friday, October 13th, with a 7-1 win over Conard. Glastonbury remained pumped up and beat their arch rivals Simsbury 2-1 on October 17th.

With their win win over Simsbury Glastonbury gained sole possession of first place in the CCC West. But before this can be assured Glastonbury must prove themselves to have the stamina to finish the season successfully.

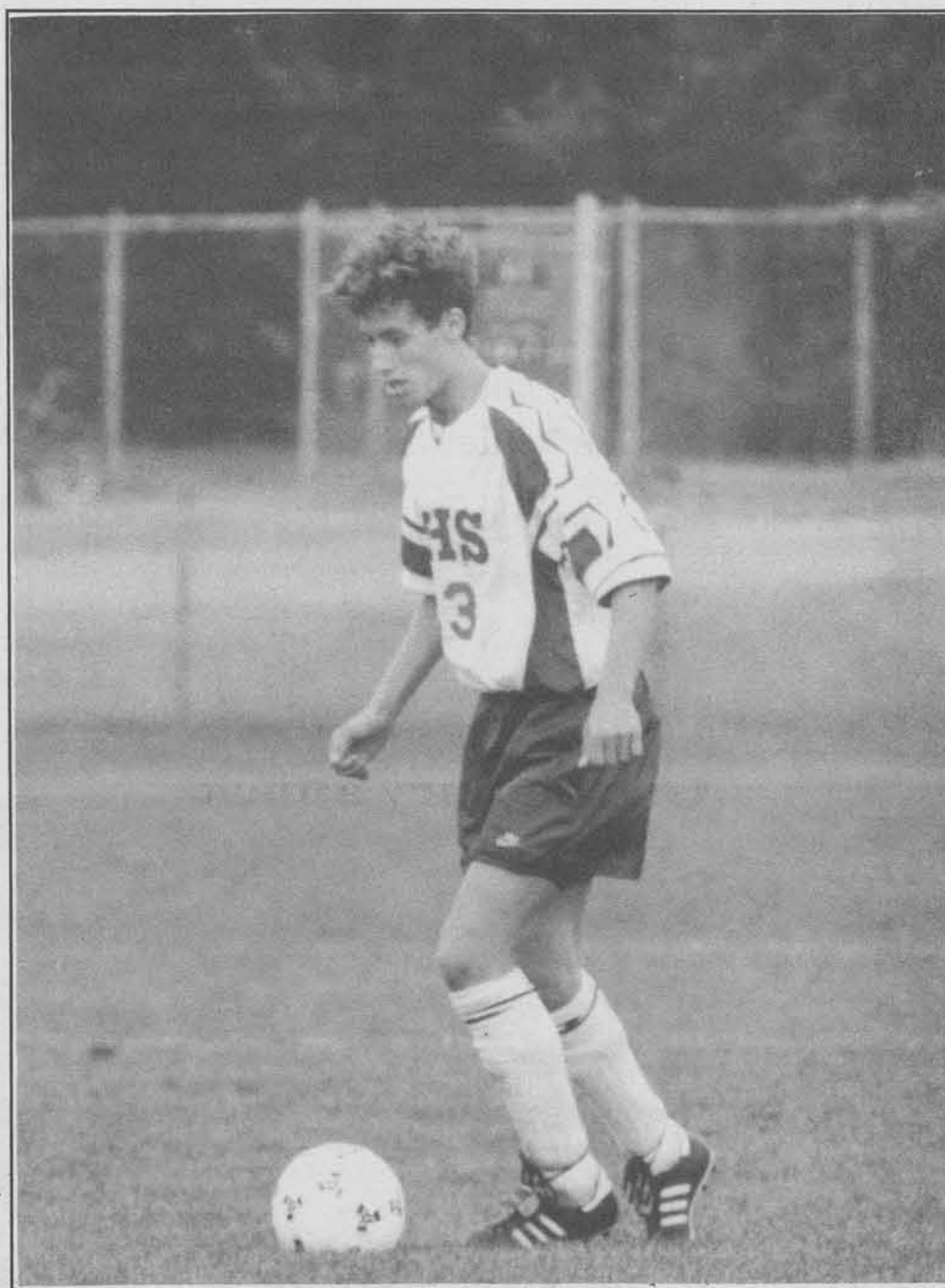
The first step to Glastonbury's goal of winning the CCC West began on a rough note with Weaver, who was looking for revenge for their two nothing loss in Hartford

earlier this season.

The first goal is credited to Weaver's mistakes and Glastonbury's sharp minds. Chuck Skoronski took Glastonbury's kick off of Weaver's foul and placed it to the lower left corner. Chris Russo slide in from outside the goal post and placed the ball beyond the goalie into the net. Weaver's wall was poorly placed to deflect Skoronski's kick.

With just over 12 minutes left in the first half Skoronski had a shot on goal. Weaver's goalie deflected it but Junior Greg Damato was in perfect position to soundly kick the ball past the goalie.

The game was called early due to excessive violence with 11:44 remaining in the game. Glastonbury's defense, strong all season, did its job allowing only 4 shots on goal, two of which Justin Repoli was called upon to save. The team is seeing this as a positive omen towards the remainder of the season and the CCC West.



**Alan Ellis' defender
can only stop him with
a foul**



Game	Opponent	Glastonbury Goals	Opponent Goals
Sept. 13	@Farmington	3	2
Sept. 16	Hall	2	1
Sept. 19	@Conard	3	0
Sept. 23	Simsbury	1	1
Sept. 26	@Weaver	2	0
Sept. 26	Bloomfield	9	0
Oct. 3	@Windsor	3	2
Oct. 6	Wethersfield	2	3
Oct. 10	@Hall	0	0
Oct. 13	Conard	7	1
Oct. 17	@Simsbury	2	1
Oct. 20	Weaver	2	0
Season Totals	9-1-2	36	11

Boys' Soccer Statistics

Player	Goals	Assists	Points
Chris Russo	1	0	2
Seth Cooper	1	0	2
Dave White	0	1	1
Josh Lord	0	1	1
Ken Mehler	4	2	10
Charlie Skoronski	7	8	22
Chris Methot	3	1	7
Jaime Farrell	3	3	9
Jim Hankard	1	2	4
Pat Montes	0	1	1
Greg Damato	5	0	10
Jeff Thompson	1	0	2
Joe Arseneaux	1	1	3
Alan Ellis	4	1	9
Max Zeiky	5	2	12
Tyler Otfinoski	1	0	2
Team Totals	37	23	97

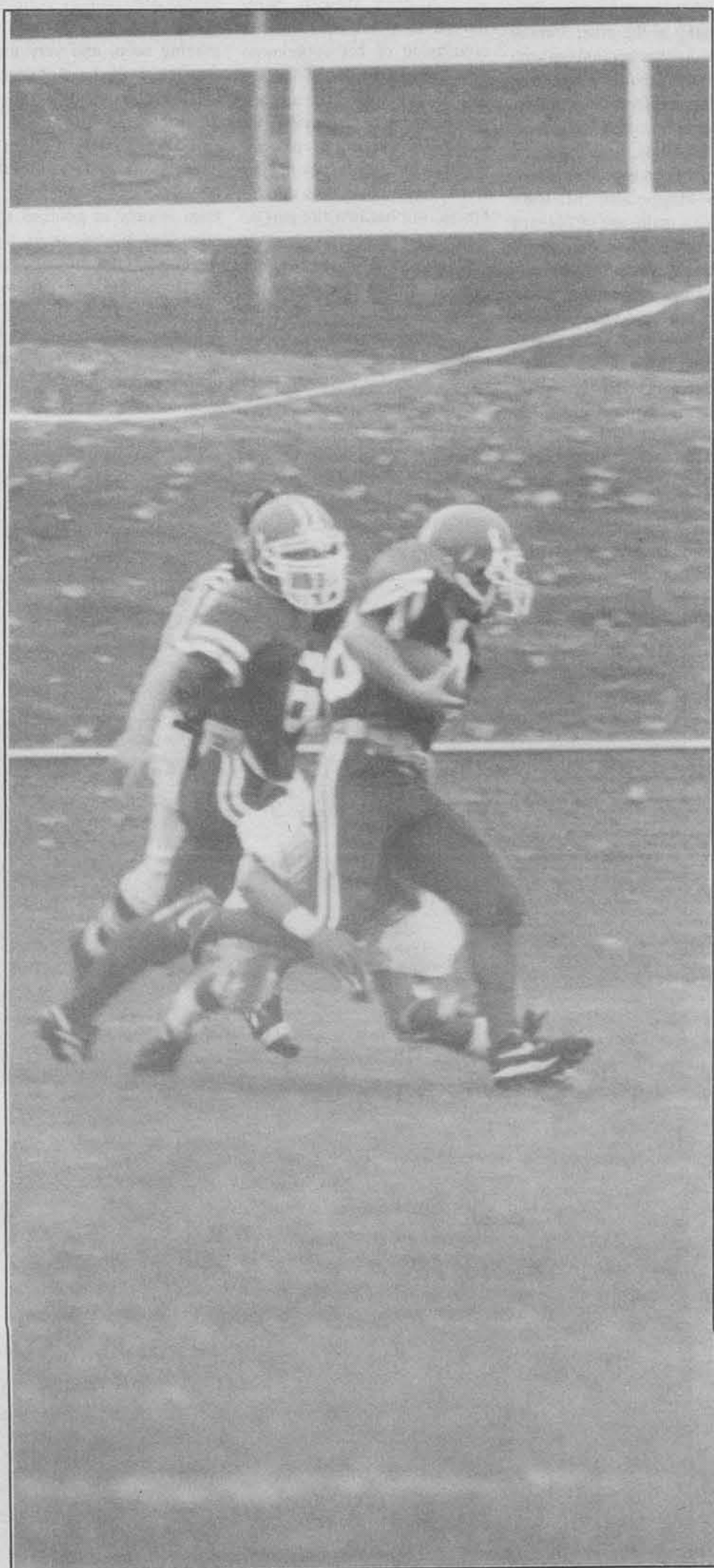
Ken Mehler tries to cut through Simsbury Defenders



Jaime Farrell manages to get his pass by Simsbury's Defender



Glastonbury's running game shows its strength with a breakaway for the goal line



At top, Dave Yakovich strides to the finish at J. B. Williams Park during a dual meet against Wethersfield.

Above, Debbie Brown adds offensive support to the girls' soccer team in their home game against Watertown.



A Glastonbury field hockey player sends the ball towards the opponent's goal.

Volleyball Team's Depth Makes Them Great

By Daniel Carter

Last year, we primarily showcased the state's premier outside hitter, Glastonbury Senior Laurie LeBleu. This year, we want to introduce you to the other stars that make this team the powerhouse that it is. Beginning with the most important position on the court, there are setters Junior Tri-Captain Kristina Godek and Junior Christine Biscotti. Opposite of LeBleu, Junior Erica Wasylishyn provides the other half of Glastonbury's strong outside attack. Switching positions with Biscotti to provide more offensive power is Senior Jennifer Blessing. At the position of middle hitter, is Senior Andrea Bowen and Junior Maggie Plikaitis. When these players work well together, they form an unbeatable team. This is most evident with the fact that they have won fifty-one of their last fifty-two matches.

Erica Wasylishyn began playing volleyball three years ago. However, she has not always been greatly interested in the sport. At the beginning of her freshman year, she knew that she wanted to play a fall sport, but she was not quite sure which one. She decided to play volleyball since a lot of her friends were going out for the team, and she thought that the sport looked like a lot of fun to play. Her future goals include remaining a Varsity starter and to improve her hitting and blocking skills. "We've proven to be strong, but sometimes we tend to play down to the level of our competition," is her opinion of the current team. She attributes the strength of the Glastonbury program to the great facilities, and coaches with a lot of experience that work the team hard. She continues to be a devout volleyball player to stay in shape and because of the great deal of satisfaction that the sport brings her. Hopefully, her hard work and determination will earn her a spot on the All-Conference of All-State team in the near future.

Christine Biscotti also began playing volleyball three years ago. Unlike most of the teams' players, she began playing volleyball at Mercy High School in Middletown. In the summer before her freshman year, she saw her friend Carolyn Govoni playing, and she thought the sport looked like a lot of fun, so she decided to give it a try. After her freshman year at Mercy, she decided to transfer back to Glastonbury High School. When doing this, she also became part of one of the

strongest and most proven volleyball programs in Connecticut. Over her summer vacations, she has continuously strived to improve her game. To do this, she has attended the Glastonbury Summer clinic for two summers, and has spent a summer each at the Bentley Volleyball Camp and the UCONN Setter's Camp. Of all her volleyball experiences, her most memorable moment came in the first match of this season. She dove to make a great save, the crowd went wild, and the team rallied behind their support to comeback and win the game. In the near future, she would like for the team to return to the State Finals and win another State Championship. Biscotti points out that while the team has a definite strength in their coaching staff, the team has a lack of team unity. She continues to play because she enjoys the level of excitement that volleyball has to offer. She also likes the sport as it requires everyone to work together to ensure success; "You cannot win at volleyball if your team only has a few 'stars'."

Jennifer Blessing started playing in her freshman year, due mostly to her enjoyment of watching the sport. Since her start, she has done virtually everything everything that she could to improve her game. She has participated in the Town's Summer Clinic for two years, attended the Bentley Volleyball Camp for three years (one of the years as a member of the elite camp), played on Team 1 for the Connecticut Junior Olympic Program, and even managed the boys' team for one year. She loves when the team works together as a true team, and when they do that they are unbeatable. Although she was not playing, or even sitting on the bench for the team when they won the 1993 State Title, she considers it to be her most memorable moment of her career. At she sat in the stands and watched, she decided that if she worked very hard to improve her game, that maybe one day her contribution would help the team to win another title. In the future, she hopes that she can possibly play for a Division III. If that does not become a reality, she vows that she will continue to play on a club or intramural level because she does not want to give up the sport. Joining in the general consensus of the team, she ranks the experience and dedication of the coaching staff as the teams greatest strength. "Our one true goal should always be to work together as a team,"

remarks Jen. "Only when we do work together do we play up to our full potential."

Although she originally started out as a setter, Maggie Plikaitis has through hard work and dedication, elevated her game to become one of the stronger middle hitters in Class L. She has now been playing for six years, and has been on the high school team for three. She, like many of the other Varsity players has her beginnings with the Town's Summer Clinic. She has also attended the Bentley, Springfield, and UCONN Volleyball Camps, and has even participated in two NCAA programs. Maggie also cites team unity as a major are of concern on the team. "When we play together, we have proven ourselves to be unbeatable. However, when we do not play together, everyone gets aggravated and it is not fun to play then," remarks Itis. Her most memorable moment came her freshman year when she was moved up from Junior Varsity to Varsity for the state tournament, which the team won and completed a perfect 22-0 season. She remains with Senior

Tri-Captain Laura Parente as the only current team members that were part of that team. Maggie also reiterates the need for the team to play together if they ever want to reach the state finals again, but she will continue playing the sport because as with all great athletes, she plays the sport because she loves it so much!

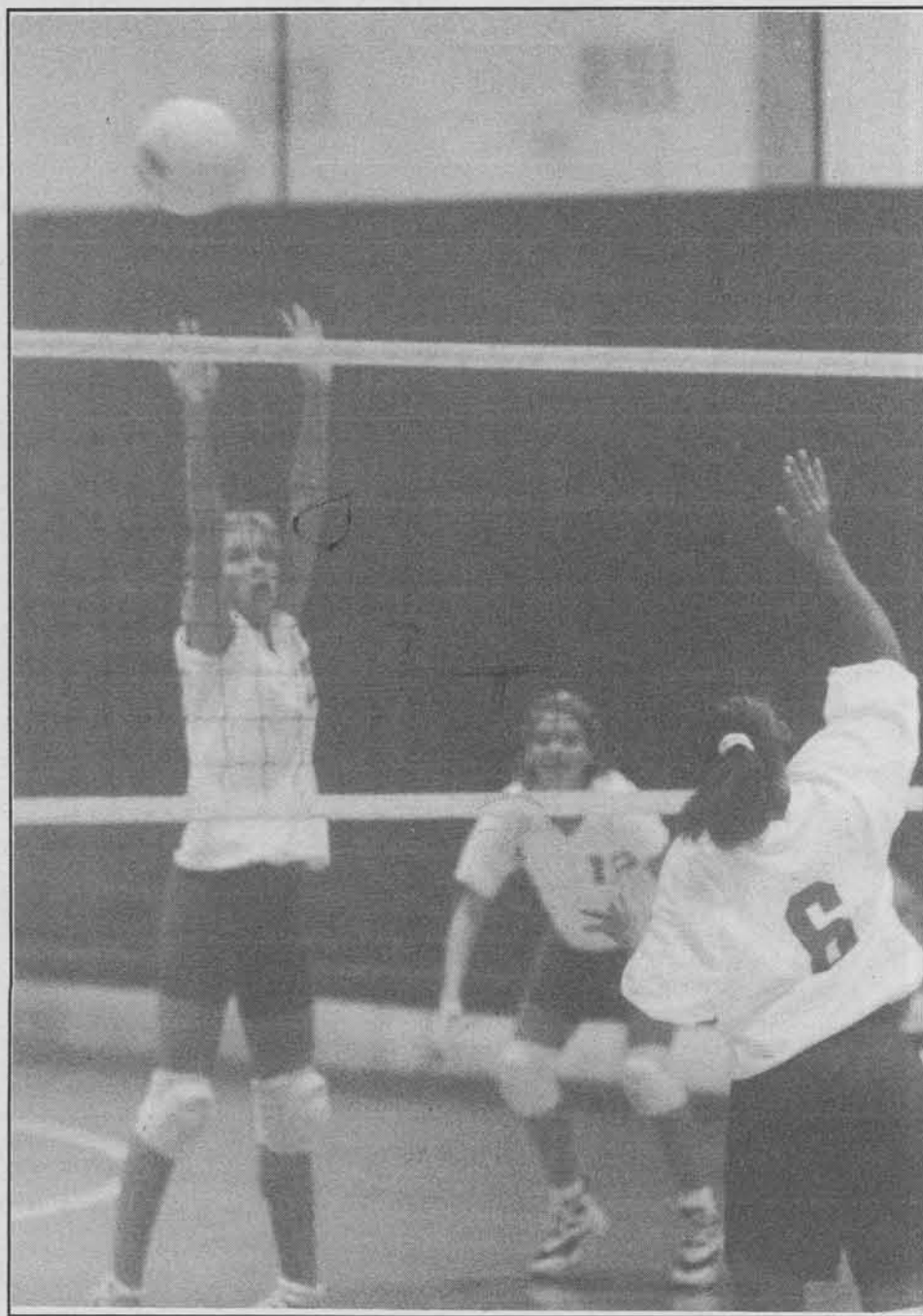
Andrea Bowen, who moved to Glastonbury at the conclusion of her sophomore year from Japan, has been playing volleyball since eighth grade. She began playing because she saw others playing and thought that it looked fun. Her favorite position is middle hitting, but her favorite part of the game is blocking and aing. Her goal for the future is simple. "I want to win!" asserts Bowen. While she keeps playing because she loves the game and has played it for a long time, she strives daily for the great feeling that comes with shutting down some of the best hitters in the state.

One player that has almost been forgotten on this year's team is Senior Tri-Captain Laura Parente; an early sea-

son injury has kept her out of play most of the season. She began playing in her freshman year, and joined Plikaitis on the Varsity team in her sophomore year for the playoffs, and still remains one of only two current players on the team to win a state title. Alike most of the starters on the team, she has also played Junior Olympics and has attended the Bentley Volleyball Camp. She hopes to return to playing soon, and very much appreciates the level of support that the student body has shown the team.

While Laurie LeBleu remains as one of the most dominating hitters in the state, the team is only as good as their other stars. With this team, there is plenty of talent and an exceptional coaching staff. If the team can come together and play up to their potential, there might just be another State Championship banner hanging in the gymnasium.

Maggie Plikaitis attempts a block



Volleyball Still One of State's Best

By Daniel Carter

Only the senior class can remember the last time that the Girls' Volleyball team lost. That loss came back in the 1992 season against Wethersfield in the sixteenth match of the season. This gave Glastonbury a thirty-eight match win streak heading into this season. The streak was extended to forty-nine matches leading up to the match against Southington on October 17. On the verge of a fifty match streak, the Tomahawks were not in the most favorable position to extend their streak. Their All-State hitter, Laurie LeBleu, was still recovering from an injury.

LeBleu decided to play, and she would try to overcome the injury to help her team. As the match progressed in the first game, Glastonbury built up an 11-3 advantage and it looked like Glastonbury would be able to pull off a victory, despite all

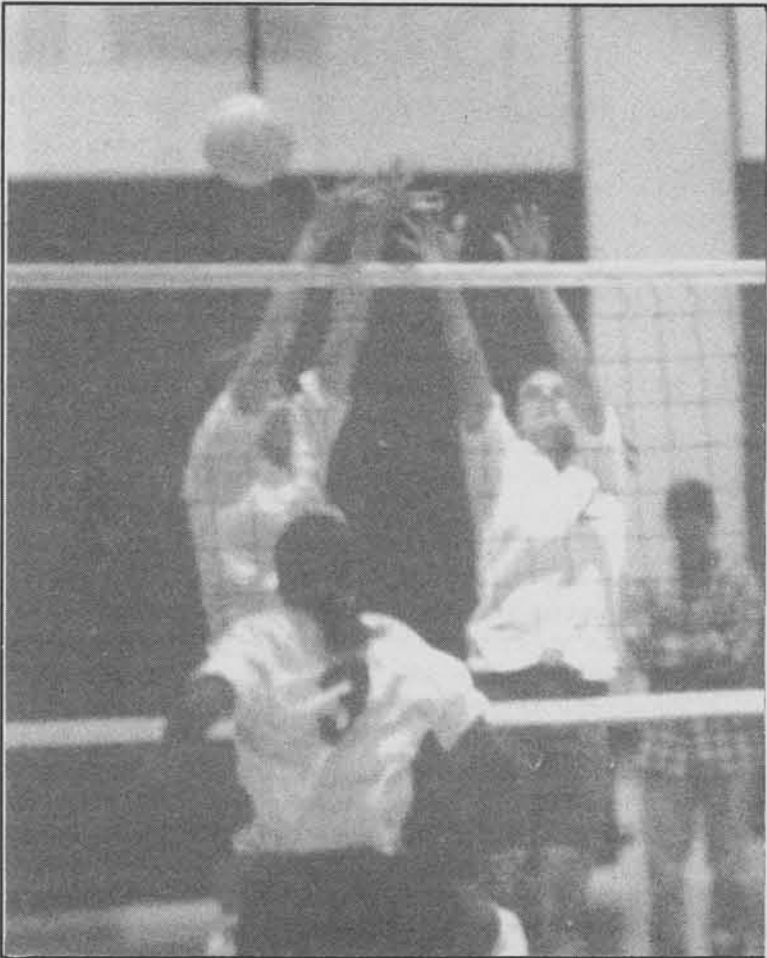
the negative factors that were going into the game. Then, the momentum shifted to Southington, and the Tomahawks could not get it back. Southington rallied behind their crowd, and came roaring back to win the first game 15-12.

After the first game, Glastonbury needed a reassurance in their game if they were to come back. Nothing in this game seemed to go in favor of the Tomahawks. Southington's big middle hitter, Junior Jen Gombotz, began to dominate the Tomahawks. Racking up kill after kill, Glastonbury slowly began to realize that the streak was about to end. The second game went to Southington in dominating fashion by a score of 15-7.

In the third game, it was more of the same for

Southington. Gombotz's hitting became even more dominating. Southington's serving stepped up a few notches, and the Tomahawks suffered their worst loss in years when Southington won the third game 15-5.

In other matches this year, the Tomahawks have dominated opponents like always. They are currently 11-0 in the conference, 13-1 overall, and ranked fourth in the state. With the playoffs beginning in early November, the team hopes that the student body will continue to show the same level of support that they have shown throughout the season.



Blockers Kristina Godek and Andrea Bowen stop opponents shots

#	Player	Good Serves	Bad Serves	Serving Percent	Aces	Ace %	Kills	Attempts	Kill %	Digs	Blocks	Assists
2	Plikaitis	155	24	86.59%	37	23.87%	70	179	0.140	61	33	0
3	Wasylishyn	94	29	76.42%	43	45.74%	50	130	0.123	55	8	3
7	Govoni	42	4	91.30%	11	26.19%	2	18	-0.333	4	0	21
10	Godek	169	13	92.86%	34	20.12%	13	48	0.083	36	19	173
11	Zerillo	11	3	78.57%	2	18.18%	6	17	0.059	3	0	0
13	LeBleu	114	36	76.00%	59	51.75%	146	296	0.182	89	9	2
15	Newman	13	2	86.67%	4	30.77%	8	17	0.118	6	0	1
16	Blessing	30	20	60.00%	11	36.67%	43	113	0.097	22	6	3
18	Parente	37	4	90.24%	9	24.32%	6	24	-0.250	18	0	1
20	Bowen	81	27	75.00%	24	29.63%	47	121	0.231	46	15	3
21	Biscotti	202	5	97.58%	32	15.84%	0	14	-0.286	56	0	126
24	Merrick	18	1	94.74%	2	11.11%	4	15	0.000	4	0	0
	Totals	973	172	84.98%	268	27.54%	400	1013	0.117	404	93	337

Glastonbury Football is State's First to Score Against Bloomfield

By Josh Pruce

Half way through the 1995 Glastonbury football season the team has a respectable 3-2-1. Their three victories came at the expense of Simsbury, Newington, and Hall-West Hartford. Beating their opponents in these three games with a combined score of 66 to 17. Unfortunately, this domination has only come three times this season. In their two losses, Glastonbury has had horrible special teams and couldn't hold on to the ball. In the game against Rockville, fumbles were a major problem as they turned the ball over numerous times. The fumbles cost Glastonbury the game as they could gain no momentum because every drive ended up with the ball in Rockville's hands. The other loss of the season came to the Wethersfield Eagles in Wethersfield. The Tomahawks started to solve their ball handling troubles in this game, but the special teams collapsed. The

Eagles twice blocked punts deep in the Tomahawks zone to turn the game in their favor. One of the blocks was run in for a touchdown and the other one led to a Wethersfield touchdown. The Tomahawks have proved that they can win games but they need to cut down on turnovers.

The season has not been without its heroics for the Tomahawks. In the game versus the Simsbury Trojans, the team overcame a fourteen point deficit in five minutes to win. With time ticking down in the fourth quarter, Simsbury scored a touchdown to go up 14 to 0. It looked bleak for the Tomahawks but they did not give up. Glastonbury marched up the field on their next possession and scored a quick touchdown. This made the score 14 to 7 with less than five minutes left. Coach Anthony Bonito decided to perform an on-side kick and it paid off. On the kick the ball rolled the necessary ten yards

and the Tomahawks rushed up the field and jumped on the ball. This gave Glastonbury the ball with four minutes left and with great plays by Mark Olshefski and K.C. Sullivan the Tomahawks scored a touchdown with ninety seconds left to tie the score at 14. Coach Bonito decided to risk an on-sides kick again and play for a win instead of a tie. This move paid off as Glastonbury managed to gain possession of the ball in Simsbury territory. Glastonbury drove the ball down the field and with no time left Rob Frechette kicked a thirty yard field goal to win 17-14.

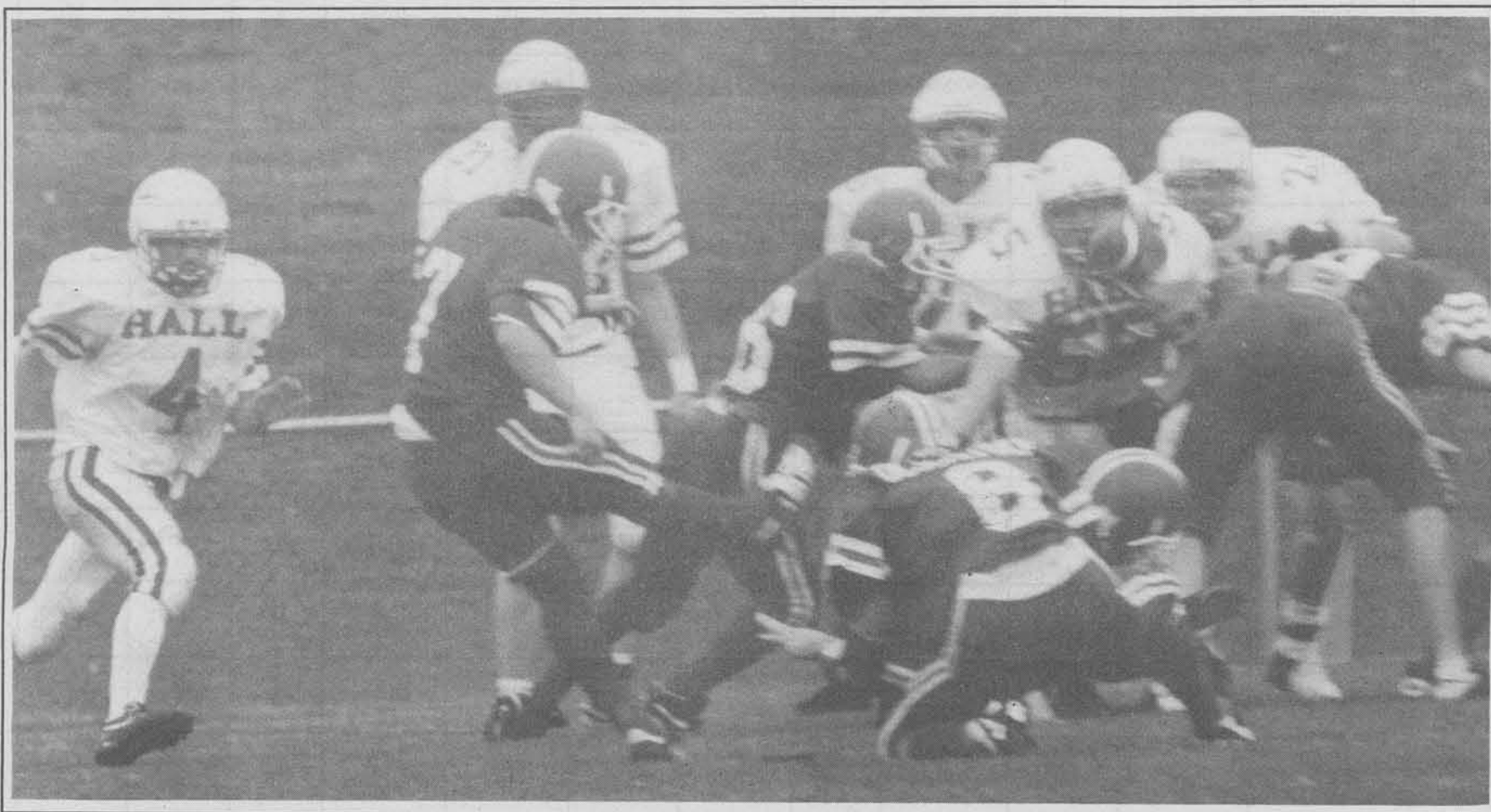
On Saturday the Tomahawks had their biggest challenge yet as they played seventh ranked Bloomfield at home. This game was a huge test for GHS as Bloomfield has not been scored upon in their first four games. The weather in this game was a huge factor as the wind gusted to forty miles an

hour in addition to monsoon type rain. GHS came out ready to play and so did Bloomfield. Bloomfield made the first mistake in the second quarter, when a bad snap on the punt gave the Tomahawks the ball on Bloomfield's fourteen yard line. It looked like Glastonbury was going to break the Bloomfield streak but it was not to be. On a second down play, Glastonbury was sacked and a fumble happened. A scramble ensued and Bloomfield picked up the ball and ran for a ninety three yard touchdown. That made the score 7 to 0 in the favor of the Bloomfield Warhawks. The Tomahawks had a late drive at the end of the second quarter but time expired before Glastonbury could get on the board.

The players went into halftime with the score 7-0 Bloomfield, and as halftime grew old the rain began to pick up. Glastonbury received the

kick in the third quarter as they deferred on the opening coin toss. Right before the kick the wind picked up and Bloomfield's kick ended up being a short one. Olshefski picked the ball up at ten and started to spin and rush up the field. He found the sideline at the fifty and was all alone till the endzone. Olshefski ran ninety yards for a touchdown to be the first player this year to score against Bloomfield. The game stayed that way till the early end, as the game was called due to lightning and thunder. This is a huge tie for Glastonbury as it came against a ranked team in the state. This tie should be good for momentum as they have four games to go in the season. Next week is their last away game this year and it is versus Windsor. Watch out for Glastonbury as it looks like they will end the season on a strong note.

Frechette Scores Another Field Goal for the Tomahawks





Rebirth of the Whalers

By Josh Pruze

With two weeks of the NHL season in the books the Hartford Whalers have the only perfect record in the league at 4-0-0. No, that first line is not a mistake as the Whalers lead the Northeast Division with eight points. I know, I know all the Whaler skeptics out there are

saying "That's great 4 and 0, but who did they beat in those games?" Well, they beat some of the leagues finest in the Chicago Blackhawks, a young, fiery team called the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim, and the New York Rangers twice. As I walk through the hallways in school I had heard the whispers "Wow, the Whalers are 4-0!", and, "is this team for real?" Yes, this team is for real and they have a chance this season to go along way behind top players like Sean Burke and Brendan Shanahan.

This hope and pride for Hartford Whalers has not been in Connecticut since the days of Whalermania.

Whalermania happened in the 1986-87 season and after that triumphant season, the Whalers started to go down the drain. This reign of terror from the 1987-88 season to the 92-93 season was lead by their witless owner, Richard Gordon. Under Gordon's command the whole team went into shambles, and the chain of horror started with the appointment of Eddie Johnston as General Manager. Johnston stupidly traded all of the Whalers talent to the Pittsburgh Penguins for no-namers like John Cullen. As these moronic trades went on the team went into a pathetic losing streak and lost most of their fan base. Finally in 1992, Richard Gordon caught on that Johnston had ruined the team and fired him and replaced him with a young man named, Brian Burke. Days after the Whalers got rid of Johnston he went to work for the Pittsburgh Penguins (the team he traded all of the Whaler talent to). What looked like horrible trades to Pittsburgh for the Whalers turned out to be a strategic move for Johnston as he went to work for a great team in Pittsburgh. Meanwhile, Brian Burke came into the Whalers organization to find the team in a state of disarray. He tried hard to rally support for the team but the past three years of pathetic hockey was the only things the fans would see. He started to move the team in the right direction by acquiring goaltender Sean Burke. This was the only move Brian Burke had time to make as he quit the Whalers and went to work for the NHL. Gordon found a new General Manager in the coach of the team, Paul Holmgren. It looked liked the team was going in the right direction but this turned out to be an illusion. Holmgren made a decent GM until he was found driving under the influence, to start what I like to call the season from hell. During this season the team was threat-

ening to move out of Hartford and because of these rumors the team fell to pieces. They played a well below .500 season with inconsistent defense and offense. Five Whalers were arrested for trespassing in a closed mall in the famous "Jim Kelly Sports Bar Brawl". On top of all these problems the Whalers were only drawing an average of 7,000 people a game. After the 92-93 season, Richard Gordon sold the team to city of Hartford ending his reign of terror.

Between the 92-93 season and 93-94 season Hartford searched for an owner. They found an owner, a man named Pete Karmanos. Karmanos owns a company called Compuware and a OHL hockey team. He bought the Whalers with the belief that the Whalers could become a good team. He brought stability into the GM spot with a man named Jim Rutherford. Rutherford is a no-nonsense General Manager who knows how to put together a winning team. He started right away by drafting a young center in the draft, Jeff O'Neill. The strike shortened season made for a chance for the Whalers to build support for the team and faith in themselves. After just missing the playoffs, Rutherford started to wheel and deal to make his team better. Over this past summer he stole one of the top centers in the league in Brendan Shanahan, for the measly price of Chris Pronger. Pronger, once the hope of the Whalers, turned out to be a little bit of a bust and he did not fit in with the style of the team. The Whalers picked up Shanahan, who is a proven locker room leader and twice a fifty goal scorer. The Whalers now had the offense but needed defense. Rutherford responded by picking up free agent Gerald Diduck. Diduck is a proven tough man in the league and has added force to the defense. The last move Rutherford made was to trade a fan favorite in Darren Turcotte for Nelson Emerson. This move looked to hurt the Whalers with fans but Emerson has jumped out the gate with a bang and been a huge force for the Whalers. In four games Emerson has scored two goals and three assists and been a solid two-way player. Rutherford has made the deals and the team and the fans have responded extrordinarily. The Whalers are not the poor pathetic team of the NHL anymore, they are now looking to become a powerhouse all because of Jim Rutherford and Pete Karmanos.

Mark Olshefski runs in for a touchdown





Swimming's Tri-Captians Hope For Better Ending

By Rick Holohan

This year's Tri-Captains for the Girl's Swim team are Seniors Carrie Backlund, Emily Neilson, and Betsy Strickland, all of whom have swum and dove extremely well for the last four years.

Carrie Backlund is the best diver that the team has seen in many years. She has done very well and received 8's on her dives. She likes her position as captain and says that, "We really want to win and actually, we have to win." She is referring to the CCC West title which last year left Glastonbury for the first time in that sport. She hopes to go to URI, Univ. of Tampa, or Univ. of South. Cal. next year and wants to dive at any school she ends up going to. She likes going out and volunteering at Mystic Aquarium. She volunteers because she hopes to become a marine biologist someday and "ride the dolphins and whales." She especially likes to have lunch with her father, professional wrestler and Glastonbury resident, Bob Backlund. She thinks that this isn't a rebuilding year and they can win the CCC West. She

also commented on why the team dresses "weird" the day of their home meets. She said that they want to raise their spirits and attract the attention of others because very few people go to their meets. She has belongs to the Big Brother/Sister program, French Club, and Safe Rides. A favorite motto of hers is, "Take life day by day."

Betsy Strickland is one of the team's strongest assets. She excels at freestyle and can do the other strokes well enough to swim in meets. She wants revenge for their loss against Wethersfield last year. She is a little anxious of the meet against Wethersfield because they are 8-10 and the meet could go either way. Betsy hopes to attend UVA or another southern school and "have fun." She does very well at 3 varsity sports: swimming, basketball, and tennis. She also enjoys going out with friends, watching TV, playing tennis with Carrie Backlund and reading. She's overjoyed at how well the team is doing and how hard everyone is working. As for the future, she hopes to

go to college and get married and have kids. She is also a member of Student Council. She says, "Take advantage of your opportunities."

Emily Neilson is the team's star sprinter. Last year, she was the alternate for the State open and was on several relays. This year, she boasts the fastest 50,100 free times and she's a little nervous about Wethersfield. "It's one of those meets where either team can win and it depends on tapering and mental toughness." (Tapering is a process in which swimmers "bottle up" their energy and release it during a race) She is also in French Club. Later in life, she hopes to travel abroad. But before that she would like to join last year's captain, Nancy Abella, at Georgetown or go to William and Mary. She would like to swim at either school. After learning that the team is #8 in CT, she said, "Good. We have been training so hard and our unexperienced kids are much better this year and I hope to win my senior year."

Swimming Returns to Championship Form

By Rick Holohan

Despite a recent loss to Greenwich, the girl's swim team is well on its way to bringing the CCC West Title home. Last year was the first year in CCC West's existence that the girls didn't win the title and this year they are out for revenge. They have racked up many wins both in their conference and not, with Greenwich and Hamden being their only losses. As Tri-Captain Emily Neilson said, "We didn't expect to beat (Greenwich), they have so much more depth and fast swimmers than us, but it was still great to swim against a harder team to see the competition." They lost 117-52 on October 10th. Sophomore super-star Alexis Lamb was the only Tomahawk who received first place in the swimming. Senior sensation Carrie Backlund did extremely well in

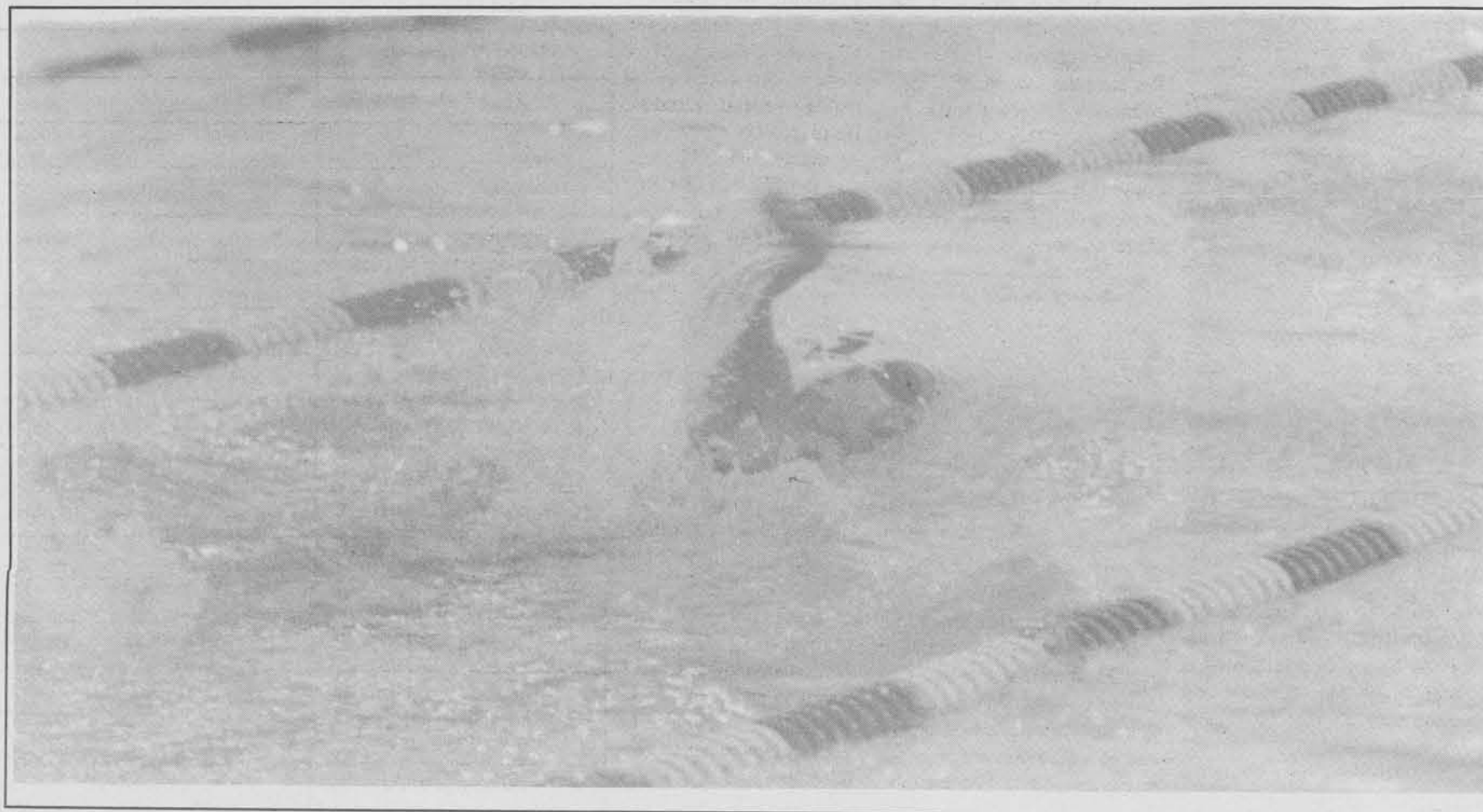
the diving venue receiving first with an unprecedented 8 and many 7.5s. She was a mere 35 points from a new pool record.

Unflinching though, the team moves on. They have already had impressive wins over Weston, Conard, Windsor, Hall, Branford, and Amity. Some have said that this would be a rebuilding year like last year, but a 7-1 record seems to defy that.

As veteran coach Skip Griffin said last year, "You have to be crazy to swim." It seems true. The girls have one of the longest seasons and practice the longest, six days a week. It is no wonder the girls have been able to accomplish most of their feats. Their entire season boils down into the meet against Wethersfield on Nov. 1. The CCC West Title is on the line, and the girls would like for many spectators to come home to their 6:00 home meet.



Below, Kelly Chiffer leads in the 500m freestyle



Boy's Cross Country Completes Successful Season

by: Charles Rooney

The Glastonbury Boys' Cross Country team was looking to once again prove itself as one of the premier programs in the state. They were led by Senior Captains Jason Hoyer and Dave Fetterman and Junior All Conference Runners Ryan Mahoney and Mike Giuliano as they took on some of the best competition in the state.

The team opened up the season at the Windham Invitational, where the team showed itself to be one of the excellent teams in the state with a fifth place finish in the Varsity race. Many of the newcomers to the team stepped up and ran in the varsity race, such as Jason Andryuk and Chris Bowen, who finished sixth and seventh on the team, respectively.

At the first Dual meet of the season against Rockville, Windham and Enfield at Enfield, the team was narrowly beaten by Rockville, but they defeated Windham and handily beat Enfield, with Mike Giuliano finishing first on the team and Sophomore Matt Izbicki stepping up and finishing fourth on the team.

For the second meet of the season, the team returned home to run against the reigning State Open champion Trojans of Simsbury. Glastonbury was trying to make up for their one point loss to Simsbury last season. Unfortunately, Simsbury easily won over the Tomahawks 15-40, but Glastonbury demolished Weaver 15-40. Ryan Mahoney finished fifth overall and first on the team. This race also had the comeback of Senior Keith York, who placed an impressive fifth on the team after severely hurting his ankle in the preseason. Freshman Brendan Callahan finished a respectable sixth on the team.

At the Greater Hartford Invitational, held at Stanley Quarter Park, the team finished ninth in the Varsity Seeded race. Mahoney again finished first for the team, and Senior Captain Dave Fetterman finished second on the team. Mike Giuliano, Jason Hoyer, and Jeff Snyder, along with the Mahoney and Fetterman, all placed in the top 60 in their race.

The Boys' then went onto

the West Hartford Reservoir to race against the Chieftains of Conard and the Warhawks of Bloomfield. The Tomahawks were defeated by eventual C.C.C. Western Divisional champions Conard, but the Tomahawks triumphed over Bloomfield to increase their record to 4-3 in Dual meets.

The Tomahawks then traveled to Wickham Park for the Wickham Invitational. This meet annually showcases the best teams in New England and is the best judge of how a team will do in States. This years meet was missing one of the perennial powerhouses of cross country, Xavier- Middletown, who was racing in New York. Many people were hoping to catch a glimpse of their star runner Steve Maheu, who was the State Open Champion last year. This year, there were more teams than usual because the New England Championships are being held on the same course. This fact made Ryan Mahoney's twelfth place finish in the Varsity Seeded race even more impressive. We also got a glimpse of the future in the Boys' Freshman race when Brendan Callahan placed seventeenth and Ken Burgess placed twenty seventh.

"Perhaps the most encouraging aspect of this season has been the newcomers, especially the talented Freshman class," commented Senior Captain Jason Hoyer. "This team is going to be a powerhouse for years to come and will make a serious run at the C.C.C. Western Divisional title next year."

Next the team voyaged to Hall- West Hartford to face off against Windsor and Hall. The Tomahawks, led again by Ryan Mahoney, defeated both of their opponents. There were strong showings from Mike Giuliano, Dave Fetterman, and Jason Hoyer, as well.

G.H.S. then traveled to Newington, and smashed them, although they were running in horrendous conditions. They were led by Ryan Mahoney with a time of 17:48.0, Mike Giuliano and Freshmen sensations Ken Burgess and Brendan Callahan. The race was sullied by the arrest of a Newington runner for trying to steal from a commu-

nity center near the race sight.

For the last home meet of the season, the Tomahawks were racing against the Eagles of Wethersfield. Ryan Mahoney finished second behind James Chu of Wethersfield. Mahoney's time of 15:08 is one of the fifteen fastest times ever for the course. The team showed marked improvement in their times from the last home meet. Giuliano and Mahoney ran strong, as did Senior Jeff Snyder, who finished fourth on the squad. In addition, Freshmen Brendan Callahan, Ken Burgess, and Ben Fuller made the Varsity time at that meet. If the Freshmen keep this up, the team will be one of the best in the state in the next few years.

At the C.C.C. Western Divisional meet, Ryan Mahoney placed fourth and Mike Giuliano placed eleventh, earning both of them All-Conference honors for the second consecutive year. They led the team to a very respectable third place finish in the conference, which is widely regarded as the hardest in the State.

Conard was the overall champion, defeating defending State champions Simsbury by one point. Simsbury's Coach, Mark Cohen, has a history of making crucial mistakes. He placed one of their better runners in the J.V. race that day. That runner won the J.V. race, but if that runner had been in the Varsity race, they would have won the conference by two points.

Spirits are running high entering the Class Double L meet, which is going to be held on October 28 at Wickham Park in East Hartford. The team is hoping to qualify for the State Open for the fourth consecutive year. Running at the Class Meet for Glastonbury will be Mahoney, Giuliano, Fetterman, Hoyer, Izbicki, Callahan, and Burgess. The State Open is going to be held on November third at Wickham Park.



Ryan Mahoney and Mike Giuliano led the cross country team this year

Player	Point Total
Ryan Mahoney	131
Dave Fetterman	112
Mike Giuliano	108
Jason Hoyer	77
Jeff Snyder	73
Matt Izbicki	70
Brendan Callahan	56
Chris Bowen	48
Jason Andryuk	44
Ken Burgess	43
Dave Yakovich	21
Ben Fuller	19
Tim Johnson	16
Greg Hillson	9
Keith York	8
Josh Harriman	7
John Kelleher	6
Brian Paice	3
Mauro Prioli	2
Charles Rooney	2
Peter Goldwasser	1
Jim LaCroix	1
Ryan Hinchey	1
Senior Class Total	315
Junior Class Total	243
Sophomore Total	168
Freshman Total	133



the final cut
The Whale is Back

By Jason Hoyer

Yes, make no mistake about it: the Whale is back. The Hartford Whalers 4-0-1 start, their best ever, has sparked enthusiasm Hartford has not seen since the peak years of Whalermania (1986/1987). And, unlike small spurts of quality play in the past five years, the winning streak has not come about by chance. This year the team has the potential not only to reach the playoffs, but make some noise there as well.

Still, the most important numbers the Whalers must be concerned about are 30 in 4. That is, lose \$30 million in four years, and Hartford can say adios to the Whalers. Last year, the first of the 30 in 4 deal, Whalers owner Peter Karmanos estimated an \$11.5 million loss.

Karmanos and General Manager Jim Rutherford are trying their best to make hockey work in Hartford. However, if they lose the \$30 million, they have made it perfectly clear they will bolt Hartford for some expansion-hungry city faster than you can say Andrei Nikolishin.

"Ultimately, the people of Connecticut will decide the Whalers' fate," Rutherford commented.

"If we lose \$30 million, we're out of here," deadpaned Karmanos.

The reality to this money game is that the Whalers can continue their fine play, reach the playoffs, and still end up losing money to be even closer to that magic number. And if they are close to the \$30 million mark in total losses, Rutherford even hinted at manipulating salaries and expenses to make sure the Whalers lose the money.

Nevertheless, this will not happen so long as the Whalers continue to

play well - and thus continue to draw the crowds of 14,000 and 15,000. Fortunately, this Whalers edition has talent and leadership that harkens fans back to the Ron Francis era. New Whalers captain Brendan Shanahan, though goalless heading into Saturday's game vs. Florida, has been a major steal from St. Louis. The fans of Hartford have welcomed the addition of Shanahan with open arms.

"The Whalers got rid of some excess \$2.2 million a year baggage named Chris Pronger," said GHS senior Bryan Avroch, a die-hard fan. "Pronger was making way too many mistakes for the money, and Shanahan is a proven scorer."

Other key acquisitions have included free agent Gerald Diduck and Nelson Emerson, who was traded for Darren Turcotte. Emerson, through five games, has three goals and three assists, and is tied with Andrew Cassels and Shanahan for the team lead with six points.

Still, the backbone of the Whalers, as coach Paul Holmgren will readily admit, is Whaler goalie Sean Burke. Burke single handedly makes the Whalers competitive every night. Even in the early season victories, the Whalers were often outshot by the opposition. Burke proved stellar as ever in these wins. His worth to the Whalers is hard to put in perspective; needless to say any success the Whalers do have is much attributed to him.

Despite the good start, the Whalers still have their work cut out for themselves. The special teams, in particular, need improvement. Their power play has been largely inef-

fective, probably in part to the Whalers dump-and-chase philosophy. They need to carry the puck into the other end, not dump it right to the opposition's defenseman. On defense, the Whalers must attack the puck rather than retreat to their defensive box form.

The Whalers must be commended for their effort thus far, and it is difficult to find much fault in their performance. With Shanahan as the undisputed leader, and veterans Geoff Sanderson, Glen Wesley, and Burke providing steady leadership, Hartford clearly has an air of confidence they have long been without.

Perhaps the biggest benefactor of the Whalers is its city, Hartford. The Civic Center coliseum is the main attraction in Hartford, and the Whalers are the most frequent occupants of the coliseum. Local businesses and restaurants say a Whalers game provides as much as twice the money of a regular night. Over the four year contract with the Whalers owners, the Whalers are expected to contribute over \$250 million to the state economy.

Hartford - and the state of Connecticut - cannot afford to lose the Whalers. The result would be nothing short of Hartford's demise. The Whalers did not raise ticket prices from last season, and GHS students can get a \$29 ticket for \$14.50 with the presentation of a student I.D. hours before all home games.

Now, sports fans have a team worthy of support. And fans will need to make their presence felt if Connecticut cares enough to keep the Whalers where they belong - in Hartford.

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Ellen Strong has been the driving force behind field hockey's victories this year.



Becca Zwerling Leads Girls' Cross-Country

By Janet Couture

"Running intrigued me, there was never a doubt in my mind that I couldn't do this." Becca Zwerling said this to me one sunny afternoon after practice. Becca is the Senior captain of the girls' cross country team and it is Becca's fourth year of running for GHS. As a freshman, Becca had just moved into Glastonbury and was looking for friends with common interests at school, which happened to be running. "I never thought of myself as an athlete and never did any sports before high school." She may have felt that then, but now she would have never noticed.

This year has been one of Becca's better seasons. With her best time of 15:57 at home (2.7 mi.) this year and once coming in second, she looks like a natural. Although races are never the same each time, Becca told me, "I always have to work hard to reach my goals. Running doesn't come naturally to me, some races you do well, others not so well, but each one is an learning experience."

As this years captain, Becca feels it requires a leadership quality that comes from experience. She indeed has it and

is happy to give advice to the newer runners. "Your role on the team depends on how long you've been running. The freshmen and sophomores look to the upperclassmen for support, and they try to help them in any way they can."

This year Becca feels the team has more unity, compared to that in recent years. As captain, she plays an important part in keeping the team together. "Running is an individual sport but team unity brings us closer together to help each other out as best they can."

Along with the immense power of unity, Becca is very impressed about how much the team has improved. The returning runners have come back better then before, and new runners have shown great skills. Becca commented, "Individually everyone's worked very hard and with a little more work we can make great progress."

Although cross-country is not Becca's main sport, she leaves us with this Irish proverb, *May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be always at your back.* "And I'm not even Irish!"

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